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STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING RESEARCH CENTRE
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the status of Structural Engineering Research Centre (SERC) of the CSIR;

(b) whether there is a proposal to wind up this institute;

(c) whether it is a fact that the SERC has gathered a lot of knowledge over the years;

(d) if so, the major functions of the SERC at present;

(e) whether there is any proposal to ask SERC to obtain private business to meet its expenses; and

(f) if so, the details thereof;

Answer

MINISTER FOR HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) The two Structural Engineering Research Centres (SERC) at Chennai and Ghaziabad are constituent units of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).

(b) Yes Sir. On the basis of the recommendations of an eminent committee that reviewed performance of four of the CSIR national Laboratories/ Institutes engaged in the area of civil and structural engineering, the CSIR Society approved closure of SERC at Ghaziabad.

(c) The Review Committee assessed theperformance of the SERCs and concluded that theSERC, Chennai has emerged as a vibrant centre of R&D activity and is recognised nationally and internationally, for its efforts while the SERC , Ghaziabad has been struggling to build -up skills and capabilities and is yet to mount any research activity of significance. The Committee, therefore, observed that there is no need for two SERCs and recommended the closure of the SERC, Ghaziabad.

(d) The SERCs undertake basic and applied research mainly in the areas of structural engineeringand developing know - how on analysis, design, construction and testing of all types of structures.

(e) No Sir,

(f) Does not arise.